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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICANT Paul Wyar EXAMINER: TBA

SERIAL NO.: Cont. Application of  
09/916,379, filed  
July 27, 2001 GROUP ART UNIT: 2877

FILED: May 27, 2003

TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING A TIME VARYING  
GAIN TDR TO DISPLAY ABNORMALITIES OF A  
COMMUNICATION CABLE OR THE LIKE

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Va. 22313

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified continuation application, please amend the application as follows.